

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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<b>Title:</b> METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INHIBITING APOPTOSIS USING SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS	<b>Customer No.:</b> <b>68514</b> <b>Docket No.:</b> BH-000300US

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 29, 2009. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time, thereby extending the due date from August 29, 2009, to November 29, 2009. The Three-Months Extension of Time fee is paid via the online payment system.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following Amendments be entered without prejudice.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.